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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 8 August 1969

In response to the Director's request of 4 August, the DDI provided a completed study on hazards to the world's whale population and noted that the USSR, Japan, New Zealand, and Australia each share some of the responsibility for the potential extinction of various varieties.

* DDI called attention to the continuing stand-down of all Soviet military air components. In response to the Director's question, various Executive Committee members provided possible explanations for this unusual lull, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Director asked that the DDI's Task Force be alert and thoughtful to this situation.

Godfrey noted increased enemy activity in the I Corps and III Corps areas of Vietnam.

Abbot Smith briefed on yesterday's meeting of USIB representatives on NIE 11/13-69, The USSR and China. He called the Director's particular attention to Conclusion C and paragraphs 28 and 29.

* Bannerman noted that he had been in touch with Sam Papich, FBI, and determined that the Bureau is holding solid for a flat exemption to the provisions of S. 782. Maury seconded Bannerman's observation that it might be well for us to reverse our position to go for an amendment to the Ervin bill (see Morning Meeting Minutes of 5 and 7 August). After some discussion, the Director observed that if the FBI obtains a total exemption to the bill on the floor it was possible that someone would stand up and see to it that CIA and NSA received a similar exemption. He added that for the moment we should do nothing and specifically not reverse our earlier position.

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Carver called attention to sapper attacks on the American complex at Cam Ranh Bay and noted that it housed an English Language School for GVN helicopter pilots. He pointed to the attack as a credit to the enemy's intelligence and noted the dependence of the Vietnamization effort on English-speaking Vietnamese pilots.

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Duckett pointed to evidence that the current Soviet lunar shot may be a full dress rehearsal for a manned circumlunar flight.

The Director complimented the DDS&T on his presentation yesterday before the 303 [REDACTED]

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* The Director noted that the NSC will meet on Korea next week and asked that a ten-minute briefing paper be prepared for his possible use even though the DDI is not in receipt of information that such a briefing will be required.

* The Director reflected on Abbot Smith's critique of Senator Dodd's speech of 1 August, particularly the three pages analyzing our performance on Estimates. After some discussion, the Director asked that Abbot Smith discuss with the Studies in Intelligence Board the value of including portions of the critique in a future issue.

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for L. K. White

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